

Find Gum Disorder In Children, Adults

(This is one of a series of articles on dental health prepared by the Harbor Dental Society, an affiliate of the American Dental Association.)

Periodontal (gum) disease is usually thought of as a disease of adults. Recent studies show it to be also a disease of childhood.

In fact, a dental scientist recently reported that almost every child who still has his first teeth may be suffering from some form of gum disorder.

A study made in Michigan revealed that over 90 per cent of the youngsters examined had some signs of gum disorder.

PERIODONTAL disease in children can usually be prevented — just as it can be among adults.

Its major cause is lack of professional dental treatment and improper home care. Another cause, dental scientists

believe, may be the marked change in modern diet—from coarse, detergent foods to soft, nondetergent foods. The coarse food we once ate required more chewing action, which forced the food over the teeth and soft tissues. This detergent action served to clean the teeth and gums. Today, the soft foods we have come to like and feed our children do not provide adequate cleansing action.

CROWDED, misaligned teeth and mouth breathing are also contributing causes. Children with periodontal disease develop sensitive mouths. They have difficulty in chewing. Bad breath and excessive salivation also occur.

SINCE periodontal disease not only results in tooth loss but also in destruction of bone around the teeth, the child's future as well as present health is dangerously jeopardized.

The best protection? A watchful, wise parent who early teaches his child proper toothbrushing, supervises this fundamental health habit, and sees that his child receives regular dental care from the time the first set of teeth are fully erupted at age two and a half or three.

Three local men have arrived in Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division. Known as "Old Reliable," the division was last stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan. The soldiers, all privates first class, are:

David S. Daniels, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Daniels of 2118 Gates Ave., Redondo Beach;

Jay P. Lechner, 22, son of Mrs. Gloria M. Lechner of Los Angeles and Julius J. Lechner of 1301 Amethyst St., Redondo Beach; and

Nicholas P. Benedetto, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick D. Benedetto of 1924 W. 187th Place.

Lomita Man Appointed To Research Division

John J. Wallace of Lomita has been named an officer with Security First National Bank's head office Planning and Development Department, Customer Services Division. Appointed an assistant planning officer, he formerly was a customer services representative.

Wallace, who began his career in 1946 as sales representative for a rubber com-



JOHN J. WALLACE Gets Bank Post

pany, joined Security Bank in January, 1966. He is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and served with the U. S. Army Artillery during World War II. He was awarded a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal during his service both in Europe and the Far East and was discharged as a lieutenant colonel.

Wallace moved to California in 1952. He and his wife, Ruth live at 2088 W. Guyson St., Lomita. His son, James, 20, is a sophomore at Whittier University.

Wallace, a member of the Elks and the U. S. Army Retired Officers Association, is majoring in business administration at Harbor College.

Insurance Man Is Named Member

Daniel E. Moon of 21531 Meyler Ave. has been named to the President's Club of Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. Membership in the club is awarded for excellence in service to policyholders and sales performance.

Southland Gas System Adds 5,000

Customer growth for the gas company's Southwest Division has been steady despite the general slump in residential building over the past two years, S. W. Lynch, division manager, said today.

A total of 5,278 customers were added to the company's lines in the southwest area of the Los Angeles Basin during 1966, bringing the total number of customers to 212,975 in the area, Lynch said.

Systemwide, the gas company added 29,797 customers to its lines, bringing the grand total to 1,942,667 independent active meters.

Total growth strengthens the utility's position as one of the largest natural gas distribution systems in the nation, Lynch said.

Chairmen Named

Jerome Sokolski, Mrs. Ben Duben and Dr. Robert M. Laxineta have been appointed South Bay Area chairmen for the United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign, which begins March 1.

Tartar Teen Talk

By Pam Anderson

Our team is RED HOT! Last Friday night, the Tartar Five crushed the league leading Morningside Monarchs, 72-64. CIF, here we come!

Sixteen semi-finalists have been picked for the California state scholarships. They are Alan Albright, Marilyn Bishop, Mary Boughen, Jonathan Boutin, Mark Carpenter, Robert Hammond, Michael Inman, Diane Kasari, Jan Limbird, Robert Lowe, Tim Mounts, Ron Peterson, Rosalie Preston, David Robb, Eric Stratton, and Greg Strayer.

Parents will be going back to school March 8 as Torrance High hosts its 11th annual open house. Parents will be free to visit classrooms meet teachers, and observe their son's or daughter's at work.

NEXT WEEK will be "Plant and Planter" week as the district office begins landscaping on the lower campus. Benches, trees, and plants will be installed by summer, hopefully.

Congratulations to five seniors who have been accepted by the colleges of their choice. Mary Boughen has been accepted by the Berkeley campus, Melody Friberg by

UC at Davis, Debbie Lifton and Judy Cohen by UC at Santa Barbara, and Bill Foster was accepted at Redlands University.

THE GIRLS Athletic Association recently elected their spring semester officers. Donna Broos will lead the club as their new president. Working with her in the cabinet are Bev Gorbett, vice-president; Francine Foster, secretary; Don Garrabant, treasurer; Nancy Davis, historian-reporter, and Lynn Imal, recording secretary.

Tuesday afternoon, Boeinger's Bombers defeated Culver City on our court. This coming Tuesday we will meet the Rolling Hills Titans on their court at 8 p.m. This is the second to the last game of the season, so if you haven't seen the fabulous Tartar team in action, better do so soon!

Later . . .

PLANS FILED R. A. Watt Co. of Gardena has received the approval of the Regional Planning Commission for a 49-acre subdivision at Main and 228th streets in the Carson Area. A total of 311 single-family lots are planned.

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